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VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

TOP PLAINTIFF CASES

$85 MILLION USDC Southern
Torts | Fraud | RICO; Wire Fraud
For the plaintiff: Jason A. Forge, Rachel L. Jensen, Regis C. Worley Jr., Brian D. Cochran Michael Albert (Robbins, Geller, Rudman & Dowd LLP); Douglas P. Dowd, Alex R. Lumaghi (Dowd & Dowd PC); John J. Driscoll, Christopher Quinn, Gregory Pals, John A. Simon (The Driscoll Firm PC).

$30 MILLION Los Angeles Superior
Personal Injury | Product Liability | Asbestos Exposure
For the plaintiff: Scott D. Peebles; Robert Woodward (Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC).

$7.5 MILLION Alameda Superior
Environmental Law | Consumer Protection | Illegal Disposal of Hazardous Waste
For the plaintiff: Xavier Becerra (Office of the Attorney General); David J. Irey (Office of the Yolo District Attorney).

TOP DEFENSE CASES

Medical Orange Superior
Malpractice | Battery
For the defense: Terrence J. Schafer (Doyle, Schafer & McMahon LLP); William A. Miller (Higgs, Fletcher & Mack LLP).

Employment Law Los Angeles Superior
Family and Medical Leave Act | California Family Rights Act
For the defense: David R. Sugden, Marlynn P. Howe (Call & Jensen APC); Adam L. Johnson, Geoffrey C. Brethen (Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP).

Intellectual Property USDC Southern
Patent Infringement
For the defense: Sarah Kao-Yen Tsou, Amanda Hollis, James F. Hurst (Kirkland & Ellis); David J. Noonan (Noonan, Lance, Boyer & Banach LLP).

Does Free Speech End at Probable Cause?
When one's speech - rather than criminal activity - prompts an arrest, can a First Amendment retaliatory arrest claim be sustained where there existed some probable cause for the arrest? The Ninth Circuit says yes, but most other circuits hold otherwise, and SCOTUS will soon decide the issue in 'Nieves v. Bartlett.' Opposing parties in the pending case, Lisa Soronen (amicus supporting law enforcement)

and Tyler Broker (representing the arrestee plaintiff), present their views.
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